



Madison Valley Long-Term Solution NW Diversion and Washington Park Stormwater Storage Project

SUMMARY OF STAKEHOLDERS' COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC MEETING AND WRITTEN COMMENT CARDS

Meeting Overview

On July 31, 2008, 21 community members attended a public meeting at Miller Community Center to provide input to SPU's draft Public Involvement Plan.

Project Overview

Rick Ballard of RH2 Engineering provided an overview of the Madison Valley Project. He discussed the two phases of the project and reviewed the steps involved during design phase of the project.

The community's comments were focused on how to best involve the community in the project and to work with the businesses to minimize impacts. SPU noted the questions and comments regarding design and construction of the project and will address those concerns in future public meetings.

Draft Public Involvement Plan

Elaine Yeung, SPU Public Relations Supervisor, provided an overview of the draft Public Involvement Plan.

Recommendations provided by the community include:

- Expanding the project mailing area
- Adding rental property owners in the mailing list
- Including stakeholder groups such as the Seattle School District and Seattle Department of Transportation
- Holding future meetings within walking distance to stakeholders primarily impacted (e.g. The Bush School or Valley School for meetings on Phase 1)
- Providing the community with design sketches for the 30th Ave. E and E John St. facility before the next public meeting
- Performing an Outdialer test before the next storm season

Written Comments

A total of six written comments were received - two comment cards and one written note from the July 31 meeting and three comment cards by post.

Comments on the Public Involvement Plan were generally positive.

- I think it is a good starting point. Thank you for the efforts that went into it.

- Community meetings are very important but please do not delay the "Fix" because more community meetings are thought to be needed. We need a drop-dead date for input.
- Good with the improvements suggested at the 7/31 meeting.

Comments were also received for Phases 1 and 2 of the project.

Comments relating to Phase 1 – Expansion of 100 Block Above-Ground Stormwater Storage Facility at 30th Ave E. and E. John St.

- We would like natural setting that fits in.
- Features that are safe, comfortable, neighbor-friendly, not a kids' park.
- Children's play area and play structures.
- This phase should be first priority.

Comments relating to Phase 2 – New Stormwater Pipe and Washington Park Stormwater Storage.

- Concern about disruption of the businesses on Madison St. during construction.

Next Steps

The next steps will be for SPU to revise the public involvement plan and submit it for the Seattle City Council's review and approval. The revised plan will be posted on the project Web site (www.seattle.gov, Keywords: Madison Valley Flooding).

Post-meeting Notes

- SPU performed the Outdialer test on August 19, 2008 and will follow up with residents who have questions and concerns about the test.
- SPU will provide design ideas/sketches for the community to consider on the project Web site before the next public meeting which has been scheduled for September 17, 2008.
- SPU has expanded the notification area for project mailings as recommended at the meeting.
- SPU is in the process of identifying individuals who own rental properties in the project notification area for future mailings.
- SPU will try to schedule public meetings at locations, based on availability, within walking distance to the stakeholders that are primarily affected.
- SPU will send e-mail alerts to community members who have signed up to receive notification and project updates by e-mail.
- SPU will provide stakeholders the option to request and receive project materials by post and when feasible, will post notices at the kiosk on 30th Ave. E and E. John St.

For questions about the 7/31/08 public meeting or these meeting notes, please contact Elaine Yeung at elaine.yeung@seattle.gov.